

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1-28. (Cancelled)

29. **(Currently Amended)** A method for transmitting messages in a communication network, comprising:

transmitting a transmission message containing one or more useful data objects to a switching component for forwarding to a first telecommunication device;

creating a plurality of variants of the one or more useful data objects in the switching component as a function of one or more parameters; and

transmitting a delivery request message to the first telecommunication device informing the first telecommunication device of the availability of the plurality of variants of the one or more useful data objects that have been created by the switching component for transmission to ~~before transmitting the transmission message to~~ the first telecommunication device.

30. **(Currently Amended)** The method according to claim 29, further comprising:

~~transmitting a delivery request message requesting~~ selecting a specific variant of the one or more useful data objects and transmitting said selection from the first telecommunication device to the switching component; and

transmitting a delivery message containing the requested variant of the one or more useful data objects from the switching component to the first telecommunication device.

31. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 29, wherein the step of informing the first telecommunication device comprises:

generating respective recipient notification messages assigned to a specific variant of the one or more useful data objects; and

transmitting the respective recipient notification messages from the switching component to the first telecommunication device.

32. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 29, wherein the parameters include parameters with information about the individual characteristics of the telecommunication device and in particular about applications provided on the telecommunication device.

33. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 29, wherein the parameters include parameters with information about the individual preferences of the recipient.

34. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 29, wherein the parameters include parameters with descriptive information, which includes the significance of useful data objects contained in the transmission message and/or the relationships between contained useful data objects.

35. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 29, wherein the transmission message is transmitted from a second telecommunication device to the switching component.

36. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 35, wherein the transmission message, delivery request message, delivery message, and recipient notification messages are transmitted in the context of the multimedia messaging service between the first telecommunication device and the switching component and/or the second telecommunication device and the switching component.

37. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 35, wherein the messages to and from the first telecommunication device and/or the second telecommunication device are sent via an air interface.

38. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 35, wherein the first and/or second telecommunication device comprises a radio module.

39. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 35, wherein messages to and from the first and/or second telecommunication device are transmitted by means of the WAP protocol WSP and/or the hypertext transfer protocol.

40. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 29, wherein the first telecommunication device is part of a first telecommunication network.

41. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 40, wherein the first telecommunication network is configured as a mobile radio network, operating according to the GSM, GPRS, EDGE, UMTS, or CDMA standard.

42. (Previously Presented) The method to claim 40, wherein the switching component is configured as part of a second telecommunication network coupled to the first telecommunication network, which operates under the hypertext transfer protocol.

43. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 42, wherein the first and second telecommunication networks are coupled together by a WAP gateway.

44. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 31, wherein at least one of the recipient notification messages is transmitted to the telecommunication device by WAP push.

45. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 29, wherein the switching component is configured as an MMS relay server.

46. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 31, wherein the recipient notification messages, which are assigned to variants of useful data objects of a specific transmission message, comprise specific standard identification information.

47. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 46, wherein the recipient notification messages, which are assigned to variants of useful data objects of a specific transmission message, further comprise total information, indicating the total number of recipient notification messages generated by the switching component for the variants of the one or more useful data objects of a transmission message.

48. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 47, wherein different recipient notification messages have sequence information, which contains the sequence of the variants of the one or more useful data objects generated by the switching component.

49. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 31, wherein the different recipient notification messages have differentiation information, which indicates whether a variant of a useful data object assigned to a respective recipient notification message is the original variant contained in the transmission message or a modified variant.

50. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 48, wherein the sequence information in the different recipient notification messages indicates which of the recipient notification messages relates to the unmodified original version of the at least one useful data object or the transmission message.

51. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 48, wherein the identification information and/or the total information and/or the sequence information is provided under a respectively independent header field in a recipient notification message.

52. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 48, wherein the identification information and/or the total information and/or the sequence information together is coded in a recipient notification message.

53. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 48, wherein the identification information and/or the total information and/or the sequence information is processed by the first telecommunication device on receipt of a respective recipient notification message.

54. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 52, wherein the variants for transmission by the switching component are displayed on a user interface so that a user can select one or more variants and request transmission by the switching component.

55. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 53, wherein the useful data objects contain text information, audio information, video information, executable programs, software modules or a combination of such information.

56. (NEW) A method for transmitting messages in a communication network, comprising:

transmitting a transmission message containing one or more useful data objects to a switching component, wherein the switching component is operable to forward the transmission message to a first telecommunication device selected from a plurality of different telecommunication devices;

creating a plurality of variants of the one or more useful data objects in the switching component as a function of one or more parameters, wherein the plurality of variants includes an unaltered version of the one or more useful data objects; and

before transmitting the transmission message to said first telecommunication device, transmitting a delivery request message to the first telecommunication device by the switching component informing the first telecommunication device of the availability of all

variants of the one or more useful data objects that have been created by the switching component.

57. (NEW) A system for transmitting messages in a communication network, comprising:

- a switching component receiving a transmission message containing one or more useful data objects for forwarding to a first telecommunication device;

- wherein the switching component is operable to create a plurality of variants of the one or more useful data objects as a function of one or more parameters, wherein the plurality of variants includes an unaltered version of the one or more useful data objects; and

- wherein the switching component is further operable to transmit a delivery request message to the first telecommunication device informing the first telecommunication device of the availability of the plurality of variants of the one or more useful data objects before transmitting the transmission message to the first telecommunication device.

58. (NEW) A telecommunication device for transmitting and receiving messages in a communication network, wherein the telecommunication device is operable:

- to receive a delivery request message from a switching component, wherein the switching component is operable to receive a transmission message containing one or more useful data objects for forwarding to the telecommunication device, wherein the switching component is furthermore operable to create a plurality of variants of the one or more useful data objects as a function of one or more parameters, and to transmit the delivery request message to the telecommunication device informing the telecommunication device of the availability of the plurality of variants of the one or more useful data objects that have been created by the switching component before transmitting the transmission message to the first telecommunication device,

- to select at least one of said variants, and

- to receive a delivery message containing the requested at least one variant of the one or more useful data objects from the switching component.